



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 12 May 2023 Summer Term

Outdoor Tables

Huge thanks to Mr Siepak (Father of Maksym and Tymon) for providing the materials and renovating our outdoor tables in the Junior playground. He has done an amazing job and we are so very grateful for his hard work and contribution to our school. Do have a look at them when near the playground !

KS2 SATs

Our Year 6 children were brilliant this week as they sat their end of keystone tests. They were so sensible, tried their very best and we are so very proud of them. They have definitely earned their celebration this afternoon !

Maths Challenge

Today, I had the pleasure of accompanying four of our Year 5's – Maksym, Tudor, Ishita and Arya – to Royal Russell School to take part in inter-school Maths Challenge. One of our Foundation Governors, Mrs Lindsey Smith, teaches Maths there and extended the invitation to include a lovely lunch ! Will tell you more about how we got on next week – Good luck children !

KS1 SATs

For the next two weeks, our Year 2 children will be taking part in end of keystone assessments. These are delivered in a much more informal and relaxed way (in small groups and without strict time limits) to ensure children are supported and are able to do their very best. As always, we ask you to keep the children in your prayers.

Thank You

Am sure you all saw the photos with the children and King Charles last week at the Coronation party and would have spotted the amazing balloons. Thank you to Mrs Ross for her talented and amazing balloon display for the school.

Orpington Library Events

Firstly, this Mon 15th May from 4-5pm we will be holding our regular monthly activity for 4-7s called 'Pictures Alive' which looks at a specific picture book author or illustrator. This month we are focusing on Diane Ewen who has illustrated a number of amazing books. If anyone wants to book they need to click here: <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

Secondly, we are thrilled to be involved in the Orpington Literary Festival which is next week. Please see attached link:

<https://www.orpington1st.co.uk/visiting/orpington-literary-festival-2023>

We have two exciting events on Sat 20th May with authors Penny Chimes for 8-11s (11-12) and Sara Grant for 5-7s (2-3pm). Penny will be telling us all about her latest book Wilder and Sara will be running a creating stories session for families.. For these events please go to the Orpington Literary Festival web site above and they will be directed to an Eventbrite page.

Thanks so much and have a lovely weekend.

Orpington Library

Bromley Partnership

01689 831551

<http://www.better.org.uk/library/london/bromley>

Crowning of Mary

A reminder that our 'Crowning of Mary' service will take place on Tuesday 23rd May at 9.30am on the Junior playground. We ask that each child bring a small posy of flowers and would love parents and carers to join us !

PTA Movie Night



School Fund Contribution

We ask that each family contributes to a fund which helps to subsidise outings, cover the cost of cooking ingredients and pay for various other items needed to provide enrichment activities for your child. Enrichment of the curriculum is a strength here and your family contribution to the school fund will be put to very good use. The recommended amount is **£5 per family per term**, and this can be paid online (under products, online shop). Your contributions are very much appreciated.



Important Dates

Monday 01/05/23 – Bank Holiday
Wednesday 03/05/23 – Pre SATs Mass 11.00 am
Friday 05/05/23 – King's Coronation Garden Party
Monday 08/05/23 – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 09/05/23 – SATs Week
Tuesday 23/05/23 – Marian Service 9.30 am
Monday 05/06/23 – Inset Day (No children in school)
Thursday 22/06/23 – VanCols Class Photos
Wednesday 28/06/23 – Sports Day & Summer Fair (weather permitting)
Wednesday 12/07/23 – Sports Day (back up)
Thursday 20/07/23 – Last Day of Term

TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 - 2023

Summer Term

2023:

Half-term 29.05.23 – 02.06.2023

INSET DAY Monday 5th June 2023

Last day of term Thursday 20th July 2023

INSET DAY Friday 21st July 2023

The 2023/2024 term dates are available on the School Website. Please refer to these dates when you are considering booking your holidays as holidays **MUST NOT** be taken during term time. Thank you for your co-operation

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money is £2.60 per day - please see below the monthly costs. ***In accordance with our school policy, dinner money should be paid monthly in advance.***

DINNER MONEY 2022 – 2023

SPRING 2023

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| January | £48.40 |
| February | £35.20 |
| March | £50.60 |

SUMMER 2023

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| April | £26.00 |
| May | £52.00 |
| June | £49.40 |
| July | £36.40 |

Have a wonderful weekend .

Miss Veronica Maher

